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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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Applicant : K. FURUTA et al

Serial No. : 10/080,638

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For : OPTICAL ELEMENT PRODUCING  
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DRAWING METHOD AND BASE  
MATERIAL DRAWING APPARATUS

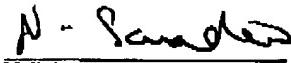
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RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
March 28, 2006, (which was re-mailed on April 7, 2006) the term  
for response to which expires on April 28, 2006.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Species I, claims 87-89, methods of  
producing an optical element with electron beam (EB) energy  
amount control, for further prosecution on the merits, without  
traverse.

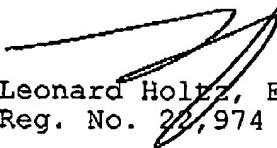
It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits  
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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